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SOVIET COAL PRODUCTION
CONTINUES AT HIGH LEVEL

INDUSTRY SPONSORS PRODUCTION DRIVE -- Trud. No 130. 4 Jun 49

The Presidium of the Central Committee of the Trade Union of Coal Industry Workers and the Ministry of the Coal Industry has addressed a letter to directors of combines, trusts, mines, and trade unions, ordering these directors to acquaint their workers with the pledge of the "Chernaya gora" Mine in Prokop'yevsk to increase labor productivity 30 percent by 23 August, Miner's Day. Up to 20 June, plans will be developed and confirmed in workers' meetings for increasing the volume of coal mining and the productivity of labor. Directors will be responsible for improving the organization and conduct of workers' conferences and for organizing the assistance of engineers and technicians for miners who fail to meet the quota.

DONBASS MINES COMPLETE PLANS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 126, 31 May 49

Stalino -- Miners of the "Stalinugol" Combine completed the 5-month plan on 29 May.

Pravda, No 151, 31 May 49

During the first 5 months of 1949, the "Stalinugol" Combine increased coal production 12.4 percent over the first 5 months of 1948 and the "Artemugol" Combine 19.3 percent.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 126, 31 May 49

Krasnyy Luch Voroshilovgrad Oblast -- The "Donbassantrastit" Combine fulfilled the 5-month plan on 23 May, with 205 miners of the combine completing their 5-year quotas.

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Pravda Ukrainy, No 130, 4 Jun 49

The "Voroshilovugol'" Trust has reached the coal-mining level planned for the end of the current Five-Year Plan and has exceeded the prewar mining level by 9 percent.

Pravda Ukrainy, No 126, 31 May 49

Gorlovka -- Miners of the "Artemugol'" Combine completed the 5-month plan for coal mining 2 days ahead of schedule and increased production 18.4 percent over May 1948.

TULA MINERS ACHIEVE RECORD OUTPUT -- Trud, No 130, 4 Jun 49

A section of Mine No 3 of the "Skuratovugol'" Trust, "Tulaugol'" Combine, has achieved an average daily mining volume of 819 tons, which is record productivity in the Moscow basin.

ROSTOV TRUST LAGS -- Trud, No 130, 4 Jun 49

The "Shakhtatransit" Trust in Rostov has continually exceeded the plan, but labor productivity in its enterprises is only 77.4 percent of the prewar level. Miners are striving to increase their productivity by 28 August. Labor productivity in Mine No 46 of the trust has increased 50 percent over 1946.

GEORGIAN TRUST ADDS MACHINES -- Kommunist, No 101, 26 May 49

Tkvarcheli is the leading coking coal region in the Georgian SSR. Its importance will grow with the completion of the Rustavi Metallurgical Plant. Miners of Tkvarcheli Coal Trust have mined thousands of tons above plan since the beginning of the year. This increased volume of mining is a result of further mechanization of mines and improvement in the organization of work in coal beds and drifts.

Scraper conveyers and drilling machines are widely in use. In section No 4 of the Mine imeni Stalin a new cross-cutting and loading machine is operated in conjunction with the highly productive STR-30 scraper conveyer. This allows mechanization of the mining of coal. Average daily mining of coal grew almost 50 percent in this section as a result of the use of these machines. The average monthly output of the cross-cutting machines is 4,200 tons, and in some coal beds reaches 6,000 tons.

KUZBASS MINE EXCEEDS PREWAR LEVEL -- Pravda, No 155, 4 Jun 49

The "Ziminka" Mine (chief, Chebotarev) of the "Prokopyevskugol'" Trust in the Kuzbass exceeded the prewar level of labor productivity by 23 percent in the first quarter. The mine has already mined several thousand tons of coal above plan and is approaching completion of its year pledge for above-plan mining. Many mines of the trust have achieved the prewar labor-productivity level. Workers recently pledged to exceed that level by 15 percent.

KARAGANDA MINERS COMPLETE HALF-YEAR PLAN -- Pravda, No 151, 31 May 49

Workers of Mine No 50 - 52 of the "Molotovugol'" Trust were the first in the Karaganda coal basin to fulfill the half-year plan on 22 May. The third section of the mine is completing the 6-month plan and has achieved first place in the miners' competition.

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